

The Lodge at Montgomery Bell, 1000 Hotel Avenue, Burns, TN

September 26-28, 2022

Monday	Day 1 – September 26, 2022	Location	Speaker	Speaker Contact Information
11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Check-in and Pick-Up Boxed Lunch	Atrium	Regional Directors	
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Welcome, Introduction, Opening Remarks	Meeting Room	Tommy Baker, Commissioner, TN Department of Veterans Services	615-741-2345 tn.veterans@tn.gov https://www.tn.gov/veteran.html
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Veterans Health Administration Updates from Across Tennessee Question & Answer Availability	Meeting Room	Daniel Ducker, Executive Director, Tennessee Valley Health Care System Dean Borsos, Executive Director, James H. Quillen VA Medical Center Joseph Vaughn, Executive Director, VA Memphis Health Care System	https://www.va.gov/mountain-home-health-care/ https://www.va.gov/tennessee-valley-health-care/ https://www.va.gov/memphis-health-care/
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	TN Dept of Corrections Reentry and Development Program	Meeting Room	Carissa Miniard, Correctional Administrator, TN	Carissa.miniard@tn.gov https://www.tn.gov/correction.html

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			Department of Corrections	
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Break			
3:15 pm – 3:45 pm	Break Out Sessions			
	Tennessee County Veterans Service Officers Association Time (County Service Officers)	Meeting Room	Tim Woody	
	Regional Director Time (TDVS Employees)	Private Dining Room	Regional Directors	
3:45 pm – 4:15 pm	Regional Director Time (TDVS Employees and County Service Officers)	Meeting Room	Regional Directors	
4:15 pm – 4:30 pm	Introduction to NVLSP and TDVS Partnership	Meeting Room	NVLSP / Appeals & Accreditation Division	Richard Spataro and Solveig Frasch richard@nvlsp.org solveig@nvlsp.org https://www.nvlsp.org/
	Day 1 Events Complete			
5:30 pm -7:00 pm	Dinner (Taco Bar)	Atrium		
Tuesday	Day 2 – September 27, 2022	Location	Speaker	Speaker Contact Information
6:30 am -8:00 am	Breakfast (Hot Breakfast Buffet)	Dining Room		
8:00 am - 8:15 am	Welcome, Introductions Opening Remarks	Meeting Room	Charles Moore, Executive Director, VA Nashville Regional Office	https://www.benefits.va.gov/nashville/
8:15 am – 9:45 am	VA Disability Compensation for Members of the National Guard and Reserve Forces	Meeting Room	NVLSP	Solveig Frasch

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9:45 am – 10:00 am	Break			
10 am – 11:30 am	Legislative Update: Honoring Our PACT Act of 2022	Meeting Room	NVLSP	Richard Spataro
11:30 am -1:00 pm	Lunch (All American Cook Out)	Atrium		
12:00 pm – 12:45 pm	Optional Lunch and Learn: State and Local Government Retirement Plans and Military Service Credit	Meeting Room	James Armistead, Regional Outreach Specialist, TN Treasury Department	James.armistead@tn.gov www.retirereadytn.gov
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	BVA Update: Board of Veterans' Appeals	Meeting Room	Jennifer Rickman White, Veterans Law Judge, Board of Veterans' Appeals	Martin Caraway, Strategic Advisor to the Chairman, VSO/Representative Affairs, Board of Veterans' Appeals Martin.caraway@va.gov https://www.bva.va.gov/
2:00 pm to 2:15 pm	Break			
2:15 pm to 3:45 pm	Appeals Modernization Act	Meeting Room	NVLSP	Richard Spataro
3:45 pm – 4:00 pm	Break			
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Appeals Modernization Act: Practical Exercise	Meeting Room	NVLSP / Appeals & Accreditation Division / Regional Directors	Richard Spataro and Solveig Frasch
5:00 pm – 5:15 pm	Veteran Serving Programs at TN Department of Labor and Workforce Development	Meeting Room	Eric Horton, Assistant Administrator, TN Department of Labor and Workforce Development	Eric.horton@tn.gov https://www.tn.gov/workforce.html

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Day 2 Events Complete				
6:00 pm -8:00 pm	Social Dinner, Award Presentations and Recognition	Meeting Room	TDVS Leadership	
Wednesday	Day 3 – September 28, 2022	Location	Speaker	Speaker Contact Information
6:30 am -8:00 am	Breakfast (Hot Breakfast Buffet) and Check Out	Dining Room		
8:00 am – 8:15 am	Welcome, Introduction, Opening Remarks State Veterans Cemeteries and the Pre-Registration Program	Meeting Room	Rob Million, Director, Middle Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery	Robert.million@tn.gov https://www.tn.gov/veteran/veteran-benefits/tn-state-benefits/veteran-burial-benefits.html
8:15 am – 9:45 am	Service Connection by Chronicity and Continuity of Symptoms	Meeting Room	NVLSP	Richard Spataro
9:45 am – 10:00 am	Break			
10:00 am – 11:30 am	Break Out Sessions	Meeting Room	NVLSP / Appeals & Accreditation Division / Regional Directors	
	Track A: Advocacy Tips – How to Review a VA Claims File; Obtaining Military Records and Information to Help Substantiate a Claim; and Effective Advocacy Before VA	Meeting Room	Appeals & Accreditation Division / Regional Directors	
	Track B: Understanding Recent Changes to the VA’s Rating of Cardiovascular and Genitourinary Disability	Meeting Room	NVLSP	Solveig Frasch
11:30 am -12:00 pm	Closing Comments, Pick-Up Boxed Lunch and Departure	Meeting Room	Travis Murphy, Assistant Commissioner, TN	



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			Department of Veterans Services	
	Annual Conference Events Complete			

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